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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON BIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS  
OF SOLAR ENERGY

1. SUBJECT SYMPOSIUM IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 1-5, 1978 AT MADURAI UNIVERSITY. TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE BIOFUELS AND CHEMICALS, PHOTOSYNTHETIC PRODUCTIVITY, NITROGEN FIXATION AND METABOLISM AND MODEL SYSTEM AND H2 PRODUCTION. UNEP PROPOSED TO CONDUCT A TRAINING PROGRAM ON BIOPRODUCTIVITY FOLLOWING THE SYMPOSIUM.

2. DR. R.D. DESHPANDE, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DST), HAS TOLD SCIENCE ATTACHE THAT NSF HAS BEEN APPROACHED THROUGH THE INDIAN SCICOUNS IN WASHINGTON TO CONSIDER FUNDING OF THE TRAVEL OF AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS TO THE SYMPOSIUM. THIS WAS APPARENTLY AT THE SUGGESTION OF DR. LESTER PACKER OF CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE. DESHPANDE HAS ELICITED EMBASSY SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL TO NSF.

3. EMBASSY SCIENCE SPECIALIST HAD LEARNED ON A VISIT  
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TO MADURAI LAST WINTER THAT PROF. S. KRISHNASWAMY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES AT MADURAI UNIVERSITY WAS ORGANIZING THE SUBJECT SYMPOSIUM FROM THE INDIAN SIDE. HE EXPECTED ABOUT 30 FOREIGN AND 30 INDIAN DELEGATES TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. DR. KRISHNASWAMY HAS BEEN THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR OF THE SMITHSONIAN PROJECT ENTITLED "BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTIVITY OF SOME LAKES OF SOUTH INDIA".

4. EMBASSY FEELS THAT AMERICAN PARTICIPATION AT SUBJECT SYMPOSIUM IS DESIRABLE PARTICULARLY SINCE THE TOPICS TO BE COVERED HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS PRIORITY AREAS FOR COLLABORATION UNDER THE JOINT INDO-US SUBCOMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND NSF SUPPORT, AND WOULD APPRECIATE THE EARLY INDICATION OF NSF REACTION.  
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